

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

## OFFICIAL

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 26, 1922.

The Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the chairman. Roll called. Quorum present. The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

The committee on justice, sheriff and constable bills made the following report, and on motion of Mr. E. C. Woodworth the same was adopted and the accounts allowed as recommended by the committee, a majority of the members elect voting therefor.

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Kent County:

Gentlemen—Your committee on justice, sheriff and constable bills have examined the following claims against the county, and recommend their allowance as follows:

Lewis McDonald, deputy sheriff bill; amount claimed \$16.75; amount allowed, \$16.75.

William F. Penwarden, coroner bill; amount claimed, \$237.53; amount deducted, \$8; amount allowed, \$229.53.

William F. Penwarden, coroner bill; amount claimed, \$271.53; amount deducted, \$8.50; amount allowed, \$263.03.

Frank Barber, deputy sheriff bill; amount claimed, \$35.15; amount deducted, \$39.60; amount allowed, \$45.53.

William Leonard, deputy sheriff bill; amount claimed, \$606.40; amount deducted, \$5.30; amount allowed, \$601.10.

T. J. Mosher to H. F. McCormick, \$50 assigned; deputy sheriff bill; amount claimed, \$104.25; amount deducted, \$38.20; amount allowed, \$66.05.

Willie L. Church, deputy sheriff bill; amount claimed, \$22.60; amount allowed, \$22.60.

Respectfully submitted,  
FRANK LADNER,  
L. E. PAIGE,  
C. H. SMITH,  
JAMES HILL,  
Committee.

The following report was read and on motion of Mr. Jones was adopted:

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Kent County:

Gentlemen—Your committee on drains to whom was referred the report of Hiram J. Chambers, county drain commissioner, beg leave to report and recommend as follows: That that part of the report relating to Saddlebag drain be laid on the table until the January session of this board for the reason that the said commissioner has made contracts for the full completion of said drain and your committee hope that by January the work of constructing said drain will be so near completed that the tax payers on said drain will be satisfied.

As your committee would recommend that the balance of said report be received and placed on file.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN KINNEY,  
NICHOL D. EMMONS,  
H. O. BRAMAN,  
A. LINDEMULDER,  
H. B. PROCTOR,  
Committee.

The following report was read, and on motion of Mr. Jones the same was adopted:

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Kent County:

Gentlemen—Your committee on drains, to whom was referred the communication of Patrick Kelley in regard to the payment of certain sums of money to persons who performed labor on Saddlebag drain, in Grand Rapids township, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report as follows: We find the parties referred to did not perform any labor for, or under the direction of H. J. Chambers, drain commissioner, but said labor was done for one Sheler, a contractor on said drain, who is, in the judgment of your committee, the proper person to pay such claims, and not the drain commissioner. This is not a county matter, but is and should be settled by the parties interested.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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The following report was read, and on motion of Mr. Loomis the same was adopted:

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Kent County:

Gentlemen—Your committee on drains, to whom was referred the account of Hiram J. Chambers, county drain commissioner, beg leave to report as follows: That in the judgment of your committee the Saddlebag drain account should be laid on the table until the January session of this board, and the balance of said account be referred to the committee on claims, to be audited.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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The committee on claims made the following report:

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Kent County:

Gentlemen—Your committee on claims have examined the following claims against the county, and recommend their allowance as follows:

H. O. Braman, services on committee on public buildings, amount claimed, \$15.54; amount allowed, \$15.54.

H. O. Braman, services and mileage on drain committee, amount claimed, \$3.96; amount allowed, \$3.96.

L. E. Best, M. D., examining six insane cases, amount claimed, \$30.00; amount allowed, \$30.00.

M. K. Best, M. D., examining two insane cases, amount claimed, \$10.00; amount allowed, \$10.00.

Clarendon Hotel, meals for jurors, amount claimed, \$7.25; amount allowed, \$7.25.

Clarendon Hotel, meals for jurors, amount claimed, \$39.25; amount allowed, \$39.25.

Olive Cook, burial of deceased indigent soldier, amount claimed, \$18; amount allowed, \$18.

J. W. Cooper, M. D., care of Alice Osterhaus, Wyoming township, amount claimed, \$25; amount allowed, \$25.

Clarendon Hotel, meals for jurors, amount claimed, \$7.00; amount allowed, \$7.00.

Clarendon Hotel, meals for jurors, amount claimed, \$118; amount deducted, \$3.75; amount allowed, \$114.25.

J. Orton Edie, M. D., examining insane case, amount claimed, \$5; amount allowed, \$5.

E. G. Edwards, M. D., expert testimony People vs. Johnson, amount claimed, \$10; amount allowed, \$10.

John Felsenfield, testimony in insane case, amount claimed, \$2; amount allowed, \$2.

Grand Rapids Herald, advertising amount claimed, 80 cents; amount allowed, 80 cents.

Grand Rapids Herald, publishing proceedings of board, amount claimed, \$74.70; amount allowed, \$74.70.

John T. Gould, services on court house building committee, amount claimed, \$123.54; amount allowed, \$123.54.

Harvey & Haystack, court house fixtures, amount claimed, \$16.48; amount allowed, \$16.48.

H. Leppink, testimony in two insane cases, amount claimed, \$4; amount allowed, \$4.

T. J. Lucas, shoes for prisoners, amount claimed, \$5.50; amount allowed, \$5.50.

N. B. Miller, livery to poor farm, amount claimed, \$22.50; amount allowed, \$22.50.

Plainfield Township, care of contagious diseases, amount claimed, \$36.20; amount allowed, \$36.20.

L. E. Paige, services on committee on public buildings, amount claimed, \$22.20; amount allowed, \$22.20.

A. E. Roberts, testimony in insane case, amount claimed, \$3; amount allowed, \$3.

Solon Township, care of diphtheria cases, amount claimed, \$62.56; amount deducted, \$27; amount allowed, \$35.56.

Smith & Sanford, court house supplies, amount claimed, \$2.25; amount allowed, \$2.25.

Studley & Barclay, scrap rubber, amount claimed, 25 cents; amount allowed, 25 cents.

H. O. Schermerhorn, services on committee on rejected taxes, amount claimed, \$15; amount allowed, \$15.

Tyrene Township, care of contagious diseases, amount claimed, \$190; amount deducted, \$38.25; amount allowed, \$151.75.

F. E. Skeels, services on dedication committee, amount claimed, \$9; amount allowed, \$9.

F. E. Skeels, cash paid out (correspondence) committee on vault fixtures, amount claimed, \$11.63; amount allowed, \$11.63.

Sproul & McGurran, supplies for court house, amount claimed, \$3.10; amount allowed, \$3.10.

Voigt, Herpolsheimer & Co., omitted from previous bill, amount claimed, \$11.05; amount allowed, \$11.05.

F. E. Wright, services as deputy game warden, amount claimed, \$24.50; amount allowed, \$24.50.

J. E. Rice, meals for jurors, amount claimed, \$22.50; amount allowed, \$22.50.

L. D. Norris, rent of old court house for July, 1892, amount claimed, \$225; amount allowed, \$225.

Respectfully submitted,  
F. E. SKEELS,  
A. LINDEMULDER,  
F. H. GILL,  
BENJAMIN J. LEE,  
C. N. HYDE,  
Committee.

On motion of Mr. Ulrich the report was adopted by a vote of 32 yeas and 3 nays.

The same committee asked for further time in which to report on the claim of White & White and on motion of Mr. Ulrich the request was granted.

Mr. Loomis moved that the vote by which the report of the committee on claims was adopted be reconsidered.

On motion of Mr. Loomis the claims of Olive Cook, Tyrene township and Solon township contained in said report were referred back to the committee on claims and the prosecuting attorney.

On motion of Mr. Benjamin, a majority of the members-elect voting therefor, the remainder of said report was adopted as recommended by the committee.

On motion of Mr. Benjamin the clerk was instructed to obtain from Mr. L. D. Norris a receipt in full for all claims against the county for rent.

The committee on claims reported back to the board the claim of St. Mark's hospital and recommended that claimant have leave to withdraw the same.

On motion the report was adopted.

The same committee reported back to the board without recommendation the claim of O'Brien Bros., for \$40 for the funeral of a deceased indigent soldier.

On motion of Mr. Gill, a majority of the members-elect voting therefor, the claim was presented as allowed.

A report was presented by the committee on equalization and on motion of Mr. Cogshall the same was placed upon the special order for tomorrow.

The following report was read and on motion of Mr. Solomon the same was adopted:

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of the County of Kent:

Gentlemen—Your committee to whom was referred the claim of Theodore G. Houk for bounty under the resolution of the board of supervisors passed January 14, 1864, have had the matter under consideration and respectfully report as follows:

1. On January 14, 1864, the board of supervisors for the county of Kent provided that in the event of no provisions being made by the legislature for paying bounties to re-enlisted veterans a sum of money not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) or so much as may be necessary to pay a bounty of two hundred dollars (\$200) to each veteran of the Third Michigan Volunteers (not to exceed in number 125) who re-enlisted at Brandy, Va., in December, 1863, for another term of three years and was a resident of this county at the time he originally enlisted.

2. At the same session of the board of supervisors a resolution was passed authorizing the chairman of the board, county treasurer and county clerk to borrow such monies as may from time to time be required to pay such bounties on the same terms and time contemplated by the proceedings of the session of the board of supervisors in December preceding.

3. It was also provided that in the event the board was not able to obtain money sufficient for the purpose within thirty days after the close of the session of the legislature, then the bonds should be issued directly to the veterans, i. e. five year 10 per cent bonds, interest payable annually on the first day of March of each year.

4. On January 12, 1865, the special committee on county loans made a report as follows:

(a) Amount borrowed to pay the Third Michigan veterans as per proceedings of January, 1864, eighteen thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$18,750).

(b) Bonds have been issued and delivered to the parties entitled to them in amount ninety-four thousand four hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$94,475) or thereabouts, a certificate for bonds outstanding for the sum of five thousand four hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$5,475).

(c) The recruits have all been paid. Those who received cash were paid by the treasurer, and those who received bonds were paid by the county clerk, and all but six have been paid. The certificates of those having been lost in battle are awaiting necessary proofs.

5. At the June session of the board of supervisors in 1886, the claim of Benjamin Gilden, a similar one to the one now under consideration, was presented to the board for allowance. At that time a careful examination and an exhaustive statement was made as follows:

(a) Of the bonds issued, giving number, date, amount, to whom issued, and to whom delivered.

(b) A statement of the orders given on the county treasurer for bounties to the recruits of the Third Michigan veterans.

(c) A complete statement of the records kept by the late county clerk, P. R. L. Pierce, giving the date name of veteran, amount of bounty and to whom paid. A copy of this record is now on file in the county clerk's office, which shows that on the 14th day of July, 1864, the amount due the petitioner, Theodore G. Houk, was paid to Benjamin A. Harlan, as was also that of Benjamin Gilden above referred to, with many others. As it appears from the records and files in the county clerk's office this bounty has been paid, we recommend that the claim be not allowed, and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM F. MCKNIGHT,  
Prosecuting Attorney.

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The following report was read, and on motion of Mr. Cogshall received and placed on file.

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of the County of Kent:

Gentlemen—Your committee on poor house building, to whom the matter of furnishing the new building was referred, would respectfully report that we have found that it will be necessary to purchase a supply of new bedding; also quite an amount of new furniture. We have also received bids on furniture, gas fixtures, laundry and kitchen supplies, amounting to a cost of about five thousand dollars (\$5,000), for a part of which contracts have been made.

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day relative to salaries, board of prisoners and wash bills at the jail, on motion of Mr. Cogshall the same was made a special order for tomorrow.

The next special order being reached viz., the report of the committee on public buildings relative to improvements on the county jail, made on October 21 inst., on motion of Mr. Benjamin the same was placed upon the special order for tomorrow.

A communication was read from R. L. Polk & Co., offering for the sum of \$100 to publish in their new Illustrated Historical Atlas of Kent County a full page cut of the court house (size of page, 12x14 inches) and to furnish four copies of the atlas and thirty-six extra cuts of the court house, and on motion of Mr. Emmings the same was referred to the committee on public buildings.

On motion of Mr. Proctor the committee on finance was instructed to advertise for sealed proposals to publish the proceedings of this board in a daily newspaper, and also 100 copies of the same in pamphlet form.

On motion of Mr. Colson the report of the committee on finance relative to monies to be raised in the several townships of the county, made on October 24th instant, was made the special order for Friday next.

On motion of Mr. Schermerhorn the report of the committee on rejected taxes made yesterday was taken from the table.

On motion of Mr. Frost the committee on rejected taxes was granted leave to withdraw said report.

The prosecuting attorney appeared before the board and stated that in his opinion it was not necessary for voters in townships to re-register this year and also that it is legal for the board of registration to register the names of voters in the district over which they have jurisdiction in case they know that such voter resides in their district; that he is a legal voter and does not personally appear to be registered.

Mr. Ulrich moved that the board adjourn until tomorrow at 9 o'clock in the forenoon.

Mr. Frost moved as a substitute that the board take a recess until this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Carried.

Afternoon Session.

The board being again called to order by the chairman, the roll was called and a quorum found present.

A minority report from the committee on equalization was read and on motion of Mr. Cogshall the same was made a special order for tomorrow.

The following report was read and on motion of Mr. Cogshall the same was adopted:

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Kent County:

Gentlemen—Your committee on finance to whom was referred the two resolutions from Sparta grange No. 340, P. O. H., making inquiries as to the cost of building and furnishing the court house and requesting that replies be published in the proceedings of the present board, respectfully report that a lengthy, full and detailed report has been made by the court house building committee and has already been published in the proceedings of the board, and your committee do not deem it economical to incur a further and needless expense for publishing them a second time.

As to the second inquiry, viz: "What is the bond and floating debt of the county and the purpose for which the debts were contracted," your committee report that the bonded debt is \$110,000, and was made for the purpose of building a court house for Kent county.

The floating debt is \$35,000 and was made for the purpose of paying the current expenses of the county together with a deficiency of \$30,000 from last year.

Respectfully submitted,  
S. T. COLSON,  
E. C. WOODWORTH,  
W. F. O'LEARY,  
Committee.

The following report was read and on motion of Mr. Benjamin, the same was adopted:

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Kent County:

Gentlemen—Your committee on finance, to whom was referred the proposition of George Cook and A. W. Hine to lease the abstract records of the county, have considered the same and report that in the opinion of your committee the abstract business will be a source of a considerable revenue to the county, above the cost